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For :	METHOD OF MAKING WATER STRESS OR	)	1638
	SALT STRESS TOLERANT TRANSGENIC	)	
	CEREAL PLANTS	)	

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the May 22, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 18 and substitute pending claims 1-17 for amended claims 1-17 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for conferring tolerance to salt stress and drought stress in a monocotyledonous plant comprising:  
transforming the monocotyledonous plant with an expression cassette comprising at least one abscisic acid response complex unit, a minimal promoter, and a DNA molecule that increases tolerance to salt stress and drought stress in plants, wherein the at least one abscisic acid response complex unit, the minimal promoter, and a DNA molecule are operably linked together to permit expression of the DNA molecule, and